

**COURT ASKED TO  
SETTLE ARGUMENT.**

Insurance Order Pays Policy  
to Judge and Claimants  
Begin Action.

**FOURTH WEEK IS UNDER WAY**

There Are 10 Cases on the List for  
Trial and 47 Jurors to Sit in Judg-  
ment—Pleas of Guilty by Mine Law  
Violators.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 31.—The settlement of a life insurance claim has been put up to the Fayette county courts by the Modern Woodmen of America. When Maust Wirshing died there was a question whether his wife, Dora Wirshing, was entitled to the \$3,000, or Abraham Maust and Eva Maust Kelly should get it. The fraternal society turned the money over to the court and the action is brought to settle the matter.

Some years ago Maust Wirshing took out a policy for \$3,000, naming Abraham Maust and Eva Maust Kelly as his beneficiaries. Later he decided to change this policy in his wife's favor. He talked about it for a month or so, and finally made out a certificate. He applied for the certificate on September 13, 1908, and received the new policy September 23, 1908, and died two days later, on September 25. Whether he was competent to execute the change at a time so near his death is one of the questions involved. The case was taken up this morning.

The fourth week of civil court began this morning. Of the 65 jurors drawn, 47 answered to their names. Seven were excused, two were non-residents, two were not served and seven failed to answer at roll call. When the list was called of the 55 cases for the next week were continued, six were continued for settlement, four have been settled and 15 were announced ready for trial.

The first case taken up before Judge Hines was that of the Hagshaw Milling Company against the Connelville Grocery Company to recover \$341 for a shipment of beans made in 1907. The defense claims the beans were near up to standard and further declares that under the agreement the plaintiff company should have submitted the matter to arbitration before going into court.

William Shotton, John Bell, Sr. and Harry Furlong entered pleas of guilty to violating the mining laws. Sentence is suspended in each case on payment of the costs. F. W. Cunningham was the prosecutor.

The petition of Harry Macletta for a license for the Fairchance hotel at Fairchance was filed this morning. Albert McHugh has also applied for license at this house and a legal battle is expected over the disputed ownership of the hotel.

Prothonotary William McClelland was appointed guardian of Nellie H. Maust and Albert Maust to accept service in the suit against them and others brought by Leonard Maust.

**CROSSLAND'S SIDE  
NOT GIVEN HEARING**

Constable Crossland Was Ousted  
From His House and Unable to  
Be Present on Saturday.

Constable J. T. Crossland's side of the matter proceedings to deprive him of the office he holds in the Fourth Ward was not heard Saturday afternoon as had been intended. Clifford McCullough, who wants the job, is becoming peeved at the delay occasioned by Crossland, but Attorney H. S. Matthews, representing the Constable, says that these delays are not intentional, and could not be avoided. Some time ago Crossland was dumped by a horse near his "country home" in Bullskin township, and hasn't been feeling good since. He goes to town occasionally, but stays no longer than is necessary. It is understood that he will maintain his residence in the Fourth Ward, although he no longer frequents the offices of the local justice of the peace, where it is customary for a Constable to make his headquarters.

**Fair Braddock's Memorial.**  
Hon. James Bryce, British Ambassador to the United States, writes to Edgar S. Hecking of Uniontown, that he is much interested in the proposition to purchase and embellish the spot where General Braddock is buried near Uniontown. He will confer with the British government concerning the matter.

**Apollis With Meat Strikes.**  
APOLLIS, Pa., Jan. 31.—Apollis is joining the movement against high prices for meat, and a petition is being circulated among the workmen of the local mills to join the meat boycott.

**WM. CARROLL SLEPPY  
DIES AT SCHOOL**

Former Connelville Boy First to Die  
at Bellefonte Academy in  
30 Years.

William E. Carroll Sleppy, aged 19, son of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Milton J. Sleppy, of Jackson street, Northside, Pittsburg, formerly of Connelville, died Sunday morning from pneumonia at Bellefonte Academy, Bellefonte, Pa., where he was attending school. Mr. Sleppy's death is the first of a boarding student at the academy since Rev. Dr. Hughes took charge of the institution over 30 years ago. Mr. Sleppy resided with his parents on the Northside until a short time ago, when he became a student in the academy. Twelve days ago he contracted a severe cold, which developed into pneumonia. For the past few days his condition had shown improvement, but he suffered the fatal relapse yesterday morning. He was a member of the academy baseball, football and basketball teams and was one of the editors of the academy paper, The Xenophon. The body will be taken to Pittsburg and funeral services will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

**Ruble Woman  
Sues Ramage  
For Marriage**

SMITHFIELD, Jan. 31.—Lila Wheeler of near Ruble was here and entered information before the local Justice of the Peace against John Ramage, who lives in the same locality from whence the young woman comes charging him with breach of promise and the paternity of her five-month-old child.

Ramage recently secured a license and married a Miss Price, violating as the information alleges, "this solemn vow but recently made to marry her."

**CONNELLSVILLE  
MIGHT GET PLANT**

Mercer County Men Have Incorporated  
to Manufacture Envelopes  
and Need Location.

Wm. H. Ross, of Mercer county have incorporated the Brown Bros. Envelope Company with \$100,000 capital to manufacture a newly patented form of envelope of a "no lick" variety. The company is chartered under the Ohio laws.

The company already has a small plant at Pardo, but is looking for a better location and expects to rapidly increase its output as it forces a demand for its product. The company wants the moral assistance of the community where it locates, rather than financial assistance.

**A COMMERCIAL CLUB  
IS NOW ORGANIZED**

Sixty-two Members in Meyersdale  
Organization to Secure New In-  
dustries and Boom Town.

MEYERSDALE, Jan. 31.—The Meyersdale Commercial Club was organized last Friday evening in the Citizens National Bank building with a membership of 62. The object of the organization is to encourage the location of industries at this place and to otherwise encourage and promote business activity in this vicinity. It is composed principally of business men and merchants.

**Barbers Go On a Strike.**

CHARLESTON, Jan. 31.—All the union barbers of this place went on strike last Friday and not a shop in town is open. The journeymen asked the price of a shave be raised from 10 to 15 cents, and better arrangements be made for holidays and evenings off. Barber shop owners remain firm, while customers grow whippers or haggles off their beards themselves.

**The New Contract With Water  
Company May Be Entered Into.**

There is every probability that the borough will enter into a new contract with the Connelville Water Company, providing sufficient conditions can be gained in the matter of rates. The Water Committee has not yet held a meeting to consider the matter but Chairman John P. Reynolds has been investigating the various phases of the situation. It is said that when Worth Kilpatrick, special commissioner to consult with the water company in regard to the purchase by the borough of its plant, made overtures towards renewing the agreement that has long since expired, the only advances the company would make were on the basis of a long-term contract. The committee, it is said, will go after the water company not only for a lower rate to private consumers, but will also ask for free water for the borough fire plugs. This last request, it is said, is hardly likely to be granted, although the present rates may be lowered considerably. While there is some reluctance on the part of some of the members to make another 25-year contract, other members see no prospect for the acquisition of the plant for some years to come and believe that if a long-term contract will assure lower prices it is the part of present wisdom to make it.

**WORKS IN STACK;  
STEAM TURNED ON.**

Robert Hanlon Had Narrow  
Escape From Scalding to  
Death In Engine.

**AN ITALIAN WAS TO BLAME?**

It is Alleged That His Negligence  
Caused Injury to Employee in B. &  
O. Shops Last Night—Burns, For-  
tunately, Are Not Serious.

The alleged carelessness of an Italian employed about the Baltimore & Ohio shops almost resulted fatally for Robert Hanlon, aged 23, a helper employed in the shops. Hanlon was working last evening about a locomotive which had been sent in for repairs.

Climbing through the smoke box, Hanlon crawled up into the stack of the locomotive and had been working for some time. The Italian, also having work to do about the locomotive, turned on the blower which forced the draft and exhausts into the smoke-stack.

The steam entering the stack burned Hanlon badly about the chest. He scrambled from pain and tumbled down as quickly as possible from his perilous position.

The young man was carried across the yards to the Young brewery, where the ambulance took him to the hospital. It was first thought his injuries might prove fatal but at the hospital today it was stated that he is now resting easily and is not seriously injured.

**Directors of  
Chamber Meet  
On Tuesday**

The Board of Directors of the Greater Connelville Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow morning but it is understood that only routine matters will come up for consideration. The Chamber of Commerce has several matters under consideration but these are not ready to be announced as yet. The regular meeting of the Chamber falls on Thursday evening. The Directors will likely consider the suggestion of the Central Trades & Labor Council to investigate the high cost of living. At any rate, the matter will be discussed at the session and a decision reached.

**GIRL CONFESSED.**

Mary Hartzell Fugured In Suit Case  
Mystery.

Miss Mary Hartzell, arrested at Markleton yesterday by Constable H. L. McCann of Uniontown, charged with concealing the birth of a child confessed. Her mother who lives at 111 Braddock met the constable at Connelville, and accompanied the constable to Markleton.

When finally discovered the girl did not appear to be alarmed. She said that the child was still born on December 17, while she was working at the home of Mrs. James Cole of Thompson No. 1. She placed the body in a suit case and left it in the woods a short distance away and then went to relatives near Markleton.

**EXTENSION IS PLANNED**

Sunday School Workers Will Discuss  
This at Banquet Tonight.

Plans for extending the work of the Fayette County Sunday School Association will be discussed at a dinner to be given this evening in the First Presbyterian Church. A large number of invitations have been issued to those interested in Sunday school work.

A. G. Carmack of Pittsburg will be the principal speaker. Secretary B. S. Forsythe and others will also speak.

**Two Are Dead;  
Six More Are  
Burned in Home**

United Press Telegram.  
SCRANTON, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Patrick Joyce, aged 55, and granddaughter, Mary Sweeney, aged one, were burned to death this morning in a fire destroying the home of Patrick Joyce at Minooka, a suburb of Scranton. Michael Sweeney, his wife, four sons and a daughter, were seriously burned. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was discovered by Patrick Joyce. He succeeded in rousing and rescuing all but his wife and granddaughter, who were sleeping in an adjoining room and cut off by the flames. The bodies, when recovered, were burned to a crisp.

**REIGN OF CRIME  
BEGINS IN PARIS.**

"Apaches" Sweep Flooded  
Streets and Pillage Under  
Eyes of Police.

**LYNCHINGS ARE THE OUTCOME**

People Take Law Into Their Own  
Hands and Military Is Attacked  
When Attempting to Prevent Summary Punishment by Populace.

United Press Telegram.  
PARIS, Jan. 31.—A reign of crime and pillage has been instigated by thieves and "Apaches" who are sweeping the flooded districts despite the vigilance of the soldiers and police. As a consequence of this added trouble on the suffering citizens the people are taking the law into their own hands.

At Al Fort Ville a boat containing four Apaches was chased by a boatload of marines. After a running fight the boat's motor was sunk. Two of the robbers were drowned, one was captured and lynched and the fourth escaped.

A thief arrested at Ivry attempted to sink the police boat. A rope was tied about his body and he was dragged through the icy waters for an hour, the people cheering the spectacle. He will probably die.

Numerous attempts at lynching were stopped by the police but the people turned and fought the officers. Scores of lights occurred and the soldiers were probably ordered to shoot on sight hereafter instead of attempting arrest. Many pitched battles have occurred.

Frank Gould had sent \$5,000 towards the relief of the sufferers. Other contributors to the relief fund are the Standard Oil Company, which forwarded \$20,000, and Spayer & Company, who donated \$10,000.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—With 200,000 people actually homeless in Paris and its suburbs, and 300,000 without employment, hundreds are still imperiled by floods and disease. The government has announced that it "has the situation well in hand."

The city is in a position for slow recovery, if none of the threatened dangers materializes. The Seine is receding at the rate of half an inch an hour. Military activities are continued on account of the dangers from catastrophes from collapsing streets and foundations.

The sidewalks of Rue St. Lazare and Rue Caumartin were precipitated into the subways this morning. Few streets have been reopened for traffic. People are returning to their homes in boats and are living in the upper floors. Supplies are being distributed in boats.

**MRS. HARTJE ELATED  
OVER DIVORCE CASE**

Confirms Report That It Will Be  
Heard on March 7—Wants Life  
of Peace.

United Press Telegram.  
PITTSBURG, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Mary Scott Hartje declared today she is delighted that her suit for divorce from her husband, Augustus W. Hartje, the millionaire paper manufacturer, will come soon. She said today:

"I have been fighting for five years and want things settled so I can live out the rest of my life in peace."

She said the action will be for legal separation and confirmed the report that the case will be heard March 7. She had been living quietly with her 15-year-old son since a divorce action was denied her husband three years ago.

More Snow Coming.  
Snow: drizzles tonight and Tuesday, fair, is the noon weather bulletin.

**NEW EXPLOSIVE  
IS INTERESTING.**

Col. Reid Is Meeting With  
Westmoreland County  
Mine Operators.

**MANY INQUIRIES ARE MADE**

Some of the New Titanite, Vouched  
For By Former Senator Clark, Will  
Be Shipped to the Revere Works  
For Testing.

Col. J. M. Reid whom former Senator W. A. Clark, a native of Fayette county, requested some time ago to arrange for a series of tests with a new explosive in the coal mines of this region, is in Greensburg today, where he will consult with a number of the leading coal mine operators of Westmoreland county as to making tests of the new explosive there.

The matter of explosives is one of the greatest importance to both miners and operators, and since the publication in The Courier a week ago that Col. Reid had been sought to find suitable places for testing the explosive, Col. Reid has been fairly deluged with letters making inquiries about the time of the proposed tests, and offering mines in which it may be made. Nothing in mining practices recently has aroused so much interest as the claims made regarding the explosive as vouched for by the millionaire copper king.

The name of the explosive is "Wachuk Titanite," and arrangements for some of it to be shipped to the Revere works of the W. J. Kinney interests, near Uniontown, have been made. There it is probable that the first tests in this region will take place. Mr. Clark will furnish operators to demonstrate the workings of the new explosive which is the invention of an Austrian scientist, who was with Nobel for many years. The explosive has been tried out in the copper mines and strong claims are made for it. No date has been announced for any of the experiments in the coal mines.

**MINE EXAMINING  
BOARDS APPOINTED**

Those For the Fifth, Ninth, Eleventh  
and Sixteenth Districts Named  
By Court.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 31.—Mine examining boards for the Fifth, Ninth, Eleventh and sixteenth mining districts of Pennsylvania were announced this morning by the court. The appointments are for four years. In each case the mine inspector of the district is the senior member. Sitting with him in each district will be an operator and a miner. The appointments are as announced by Judge R. E. Umbel are:

Fifth District—L. G. Roby, inspector; John Hoover, operator; Homer Lewis, miner.

Ninth District—Patrick J. Welsh, inspector; P. J. Tormay, operator; David R. DePriest, miner.

Eleventh District—D. R. Blower, inspector; Samuel J. Lohr, operator; Edward Quinn, miner.

Sixteenth District—M. H. Howarth, inspector; John J. McIntyre, operator; John Crubie, miner.

**ELEVEN NEVER MISSED.**

Perfect Attendance at Trinity Lutheran Church School.

At the conclusion of the regular session of the Sunday school of the Trinity Lutheran Church yesterday morning 13 Luther coats of arms were awarded for faithful attendance. Out of the number 11 attended Sunday school every Sunday during the past year.

**Helped the Hospital.**

The Dunbar Furnace Company last week presented the Cottage State hospital with a carload of excellent coal.

**Flamboyant Tale On Dunbar  
Furnace Is Not Confirmed.**

The report flamboyantly exploited on Saturday by a community of Fayette county newsgathering interests, to the effect that the Dunbar Furnace Company had determined to erect a \$2,000,000 rolling mill in connection with their furnaces, falls of confirmation. Inquiry among the officials meets with the answer that they know nothing about it. It is admitted that the company can right along during the dull season and that it has \$1,000,000 worth of pig iron stacked up in its yards, but at this point it seems that the story ceased to deal in facts and becomes fiction.

"I would be very glad, indeed, to confirm the story," said a representative of the company, "but it's all news to me. We have the iron, the ore, the coke, the sand and the site and we would not object to adding the rolling mill if the ownership should pass the word to us; but at present we are making no improvements save general repairs to the present property."

**Foul Play Feared.**  
APOLLIS, Pa., Jan. 31.—Friends of William Gray, who is mysteriously missing, fear he has met with foul play. Gray, who is an employee of the Vandergrift laundry, last Tuesday drew his pay for two weeks, and since then no trace of him has been found.

**FIGHT AGAINST  
THE APPLICATION.**

South Connelville Residents  
Agitating Matter of a  
New Hotel.

**THE W. C. T. U. INVESTIGATES**

Head of Legislative Committee Says  
People Will Call a Public Meeting  
To Protest Against William Fur-  
long's Ambition.

The application for a hotel license in South Connelville has stirred up a great deal of interest on both sides of public opinion in that section, and a hard-waged battle is being put up against the licensing of a hotel in that locality.

Mrs. Nellie H. Showman, Legislative Superintendent of the Fayette county Women's Christian Temperance Union, has been investigating the matter for several days and says that the larger number of the property owners and residents there are "indignant" over the attempt to plant a saloon in their locality and are making a very strong fight against the granting of the license. They will, she says, appear in court when the matter comes up.

She asserts that interviews with a number of citizens brought forth statements that they will do all in their power against the granting of the license. Some of those that are opposed to the license being granted, she says, are Justice S. S. Kern, Leslie Brown, George Brown, Albert Marwain, J. M. Coell, William Marrie, W. S. Ringer, Harry Gotsch, Anton Gotsch, Rev. A. R. Seaman, Mr. Bungard, J. L. Sinsley, Rev. Mr. Miller, Mr. Shetley and Donnell Hickick.

A citizens meeting will soon be called to discuss the situation and complete arrangements to place a remonstrance in circulation.

The petition for the granting of the license is at the meat market of S. B. Miller. Mrs. Showman says that if the petition is filed in Uniontown they will make public the names of those signing the same.

It is understood, says Mrs. Showman that some railroad men are signing the petition for license. The recent decision of the B. & O. management, says Mrs. Showman, in regard to their employees and liquor drinking makes it the better plan for railroad men to steer clear of license petitions.

S. B. Miller, who has in charge the petition of William Furlong for a license for the hotel he proposes to operate at South Connelville, stated this morning that a large number of singers has already been secured to the paper and when it is presented to court it will be one of the strongest petitions of them all.

"We are going after that license strong and believe we will get it," Mr. Miller told The Courier today.

A mass meeting will be held following the meeting in the Evangelical Church tomorrow evening. Those opposed to the granting of a license in that neighborhood will be asked to attend and assist in formulating some plan for action.

**JOHN GAILEY GAY  
WITH THE POLICEMEN**

Iron Man Made Coppers Drag Him  
Every Step—Others Disturb-  
ers of Public Peace.

John Gailey, an iron worker, gave the police all kinds of trouble Saturday night when he struck a belligerent attitude on Pittsburg street and began "cleaning up" the town. He held full sway until the arrival of Officer R. E. Stillwagon. Officer John A. Lowe came a little later and the two managed to cart John to the bastille.

Gailey was opposed to being locked up and made the coppers haul him every step of the way. He was given 72 hours by Burgess J. L. Evans but later came across with \$5.

Wall McCormick got in bad with Special Officer Hatcher but as he was being arrested H. M. Moreland of South Connelville, interfered. Both were released, Moreland is doing 12 hours.

Officer P. M. Rault rudely interrupted the map of William McWilliam was taking in a gutter of Main street, on the West Side. McWilliam will complete his sentence by doing 48 hours in the lockup. Peter Linquist of Dunbar paid \$2.50.

**Scottish Knights to Dance.**  
The Knights of Columbus of Scottsdale will give a presentation dance this evening in Temperance hall. A number of Connelville Knights and their ladies will attend.

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## RELATION OF COLD STORAGE TO FOOD PRICES.

Many men and many circumstances have been blamed for the high cost of American living, but cold storage is a new one. It is argued by the Pittsburgh Press that without cold storage perishable foods would have to be marketed and the competition in sell them would keep prices down to a reasonable level, but that, as it is, cold storage enables dealers to act as hoarders and hold them until prices rise; in other words, that cold storage enables dealers to keep the market "cornered."

On the other hand, without cold storage we would have a glut of perishable foods at certain seasons and a famine during the remainder of the year. We would not be able to buy certain things at certain seasons at prices which would justify any but the idle rich from indulging in them. Cold storage may be a curse as well as a blessing, but we incline to the view that its blessings predominate, and that we would be immeasurably worse off if it were abolished or its usefulness curtailed as has been inferentially suggested.

Perhaps the remedy for the situation does not lie in the abolition of a useful means of preserving foods, but in a better regulation of the traffic in them. We believe, and we believe we have frequently expressed the belief, that there is TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT REGULATION of private enterprise, but if it is right and proper, and protective and beneficial to the public, for the government to regulate the TRANSPORTATION CHARGES OF THE RAILROADS, why is it not quite as right and proper for the same power to regulate THE CHARGES OF DEALERS FOR THE FOOD WE EAT?

## TRY AGAIN AND ADVISE.

The members of the School Board received a severe jolt when they opened the bids for the erection of the proposed new High School building and found that their estimate of \$30,000 to \$35,000 was at least \$13,000 below the lowest offer of its erection. The high cost of living seems to have been tapped by the high cost of building though it is difficult to understand how the architect, who is presumed to be familiar with building costs and to have drawn his plans to fit the finances of the board, should have hit so widely of the mark.

We have no reason to doubt the competency of the architect, and we must conclude that the bidders have allowed themselves a liberal margin of profit possibly in order to cover contingencies which may or may not arise. Before PRUNING THE PLANS too drastically perhaps the board will do well to TRY AGAIN, and this time to ADVISE TIME for bids.

## THE NEW AUTOMATIC COAL DIGGER.

The automatic coal digger has proven a success in the Connelleville region, and we are now promised an automatic coal digger.

Mining machines have been in use in our coal pits for some years past, but they only undercut or undercut the coal. It is claimed by the inventor of the new machine, which is under construction in Connelleville, that it will not only undercut the coal, but will also dig it down and load it into the wagon.

If this machine does all these things successfully and demonstrates its efficiency, it will work a sweeping revolution in coal mining. It will reduce the number of men required to operate a mine to the minimum and it will no doubt materially reduce the cost of coal getting.

Since there has been no practical demonstration of the capabilities of the machine, we must conclude that it is still in the experimental stage, and the hopes of operators concerned it should not be too confident.

The Connelleville automatic coal digger, however, promises much, and its trial will be watched with intense interest by both operators and miners.

## THE DUNBAR ROLLING MILL STORY.

It is to be regretted that the report that the Dunbar Furnace Company is about to add a \$2,000,000 rolling mill to its operations falls of confirmation.

Such a plant would add largely to the population of Dunbar and material to the prosperity of Connelleville. The Dunbar Furnace Company, moreover, is a conservative concern owned by Philadelphia capital. It seldom undertakes anything it does not put through successfully. Such a mill as that mentioned would in all probability be profitable and permanent.

The Dunbar furnace ran right through the panic and piled up their product when there was no market for it. The wisdom of this policy is now apparent. It took nerve and money, and the company is not lacking in either.

If the rolling mill is not to be built

now, we will hope that it or something similar may be undertaken by the company some time in the future. The prediction of The Courier, that the native ore of Fayette county will some day revive Fayette county's prominence in the iron business, is destined to be fulfilled.

The proposed Braddock Memorial Park has collected British sympathizers and will doubtless receive British support. If Colonel Crawford had been captured by the Indians and burned at the stake as a member of the Braddock Expedition the British might have erected a monument to his memory long ago. The British nation appreciates the importance of fostering and encouraging patriotism.

The Fayette county license court will probably follow the example of the Somerset county court and refuse the granting of license to the Fairchance hotel until its legal ownership and possession is determined.

Louis R. Glavis, ex-governor, has just been playing an all-out argument at Washington City.

President Taft will not prosecute the railroads, neither will he deconstruct prosecutions begun. He evidently thinks the railroads should defend their claims in the courts and let the law decide.

Fish comes down but fish goes up. It's hard to beat the law of supply and demand.

The Indiana farmers have decided to boycott the mill workers and other employees of industry by not selling any cattle for a space of thirty days. The vegetarian diet will last longer than that.

Plantation claims to be the Powder Center of the coke region. In that case it may expect to be blown up occasionally.

The minority stockholders of the Weather brewery prefer to wait down their investment instead of watering it out.

One New York State Senator declares that a brother Senator accepted a bribe nine years ago. The declaration is not much more creditable to the senator than it is to the accused. Nine years' silence is pretty nearly out-laws.

An fanatic of the County Home is reported to have made the shortest walk on record. It is hard to conceive why it should be necessary for an inmate of the County Home to make a lengthy walk.

The West Penn is the only Connelleville region interest which is always diligent in the work of sweeping snow.

Brownsville has an indelible citizen in the person of a smallpox patient, but Brownsville's humanity will not permit her to refuse succor.

The Oliver-Flinn fight for the United States Senate is one of Pittsburgh Senator Flinn has had much experience in running a Senatorial campaign, but Senator Oliver has had more experience in holding the job. Perhaps the Allegheny county people had better leave it that way.

Washington and Jefferson College is said to be filled with dope fiends. Dry towns run to dope.

The defense in the Colonial theatre suit is perhaps more unique than substantial.

The bituminous coal operators have met the new demand of the miners' union for a 20% advance instead of a 10% advance in wages as a first step, by demanding a reduction in the present wage scale. It begins to look like horse trade haggling.

The announcement that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will "for an opportune moment" dispose of all its holdings of Baltimore & Ohio stock indicates that the coke region community of interest is fading away, nor is the fact mentioned the first and only indication.

Some of the industrious police who are not shoveling snow do not forget that they are ex-officio members of the Department of Public Safety.

The condition of some North Union bullet boxes before the County Commissioners is proof of the presence of Tammany methods in Fayette.

Some of our most dangerous hill-side roads are too narrow in places for trucks to pass with safety. The accident at Tip Top wherein one team rolled over the embankment furnishes an example. If it be shown in court that this condition is one of negligence on the part of the township, perhaps the latter will find it cheaper to widen all its dangerous roadways.

"No use to kick. Better keep on shoveling."

Expert opinions multiply that one of the causes of the high cost of living is the cost of high living. The saying is true, but not conclusive. There are other reasons.

Spelling and speaking have become popular in the Connelleville schools. Both are valuable to young men and women. Nothing helps them along in the world any better than their ability to write and speak correctly and fluently, and to "finger" things out correctly.

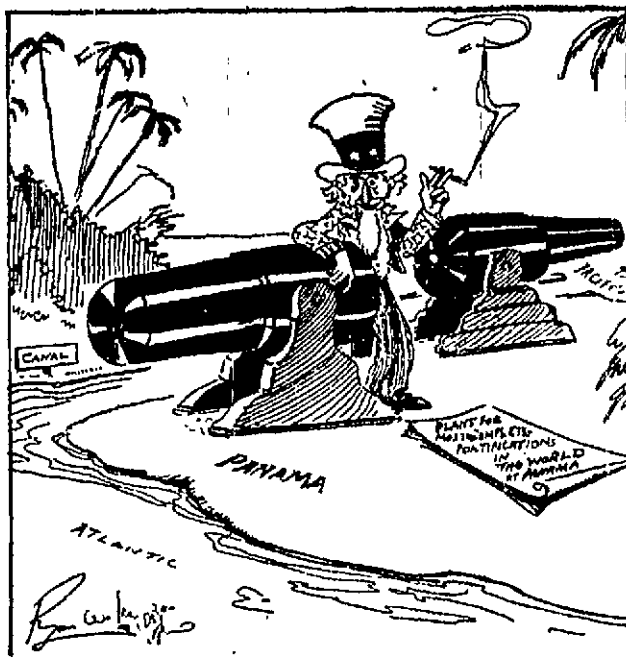
It has been stated that at the present rate of progress the Pittsburgh-Pinchot case will last for 10 years. No doubt some people would be just as well satisfied if it would.

Lawyer Patrick, the convicted New York murderer, under life sentence in Sing Sing, has been disbarred by the New York Bar Association. Perhaps this was done to protect the courts from his overbearing appeals.

There seems to be eternal war between President Lewis of the United Mine Workers and the Pittsburgh district officials. This far it has been a draw, but if the fuse keeps on being longer somebody is going to be hurt.

Scottsdale usually does things thoroughly because she takes plenty of time to prepare for them, and this policy has been adopted with regard to the coming poultry show.

Salary seems to be the incidental revenue of Waldorf waiters.



WHEN THE CANAL IS FINISHED.  
 Uncle Sam—Here's where I'm coming from.

## STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, County of Fayette, ss:

I, Before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public within and for said County and State, personally appeared James J. Briscoe, who being duly sworn according to law, did depose and say: That he is Manager of Circulation of The Courier, a daily newspaper published in Connelleville, Pa., and that the number of papers printed during the week ending Saturday, January 29th, 1910:

	Total	Daily	Avg.
January 21	141,721	5,171	5,171
January 22	141,721	5,171	5,171
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## SOUP KITCHENS OPENED AT PARIS.

Society Women Assist In Alleviating Suffering of People.

### WATER GRADUALLY SUBSIDES

Fear of Epidemic Greatly Troubles Administration and Every Safe-guard is Being Taken—National Relief Fund Reaches Nearly \$300,000.

Paris, Jan. 31.—The total amount thus far received for the national flood relief fund is \$287,000. The Red Cross society, which in establishing refugee and soup kitchens all over the city, is getting the most useful help. Many of its members belong to the highest French society.

Several titled ladies visited the central markets and received an ovation from the tradesmen dealers and porters, all of whom showed them as being most generous in putting at the disposal of the Red Cross a quantity of foodstuffs.

The supply of provisions has again become normal. The movement of Parisians to the big hotels continues. They leave their houses, not to escape the water, but to get it, for many water supply pipes have burst. The basements of many houses were again inundated in spite of the decrease in the flood.

#### Seine Drops Five Inches.

All the reports received are decidedly more encouraging.

The river Marne subsided twenty inches at Chaillet and twenty-four inches at Neuilly. The river Yonne is steadily going down.

The weather bureau announces a further atmospheric depression. Thus the danger of more rain is still possible.

Conditions in the city have not yet greatly improved. There have been sudden disappearances of the water in some directions and new encroachments in others. The underground railway station in the Square du Temple was suddenly almost awamped, the water reaching a depth of nearly twenty feet. The central markets, too, were inundated and a quantity of provisions were damaged. The basement of the Louvre department store suffered similarly.

The depth of the water in the Place de l'Opera has increased and ominous cracks are visible in the immediate neighborhood of the opera house. On the other hand the lake front of the St. Lazare station is disappearing and the Faubourg St. Antoine is getting dry.

#### Only Two Theaters Open.

The collars of the Comedie Francaise contain twenty inches of water. All the staff worked rapidly and succeeded in saving all the costumes, scenery, etc. The only theaters open are the Opera and the Theatre Comique. The opera was unable to open owing to the lack of light.

No official reports have been received from the provinces. So far as Paris is concerned the present state of affairs is reassuring, but it is impossible to receive definite news from every quarter of the immense area affected.

The principal topic of conversation everywhere is the disaster, only the situation is now spoken of more fully. Expressions of sympathy have been received from every corner of the world, together with material help. This has given heart to everybody.

The Champs Elysees and its environs are tranquil with no new developments in the existing unpleasant features. The cathedral of Notre-Dame is pretty well surrounded now by guards, but no new flood is visible. At the Louvre pumps are busily emptying the cellar of water.

#### Premier Drains Makes Statement.

To counteract the exaggerated reports Premier Briand has addressed an official communication to all public affairs.

"The rise in the Seine and its tributaries seems to have reached its maximum height and there is now a slight decrease. Many quarters of Paris have been inundated. The suburbs are particularly affected. Thanks to the heroic services of the civil service employees of the army and of citizens generally, the victims have been aided or housed elsewhere. Very few fatal accidents have been recorded. The population of Paris and the department of the Seine have kept a marvellous calm among such difficult circumstances. There is every reason to believe that the situation is getting better hourly."

There is still much distress in the suburbs, many being imprisoned in their houses with insufficient food. The work of rescue proceeds without delay. It is said that many are actually starving in lay. In some cases those confined in their houses refuse to leave their homes and insist that food be brought to them.

The prospect of an epidemic of disease continues to trouble the administration. Leading medical authorities including Professor Roux, president of the Pasteur Institute, have drawn up precise regulations which the police will probably be directed to enforce. They contain imperative directions to boil all water for drinking purposes and to abstain from eating raw vegetables. The drying and cleaning of cellars and other flooded places is enjoined, as well as

## Panoramic View of Paris, Showing in Foreground District of French Capital First Inundated by Great Rising of the Seine.



FLOODED DISTRICT OF PARIS

When the waters which flooded Paris began to subside it was seen that about nine square miles or one-quarter of the entire city, had been inundated. The panoramic picture shows a view of Paris taken from the river bank, the land in the foreground to the right of the reader being the district of the Marais, which was the first district to suffer from the rising of the waters. It was here that the greatest damage was done. The bridges seen in the foreground were entirely overflooded. Every one of the city's quays

was submerged, as well as the entire eleventh arrondissement, or ward, the largest in the city. On the left is seen the famous Cathedral of Notre-Dame, the crypts of which were filled with the river's waters and the overflow from the sewers and in which

great damage was done by the flood. On the right are the famous Church of the Madeleine and the Pantheon, distinguished by domes. These edifices, being on comparatively high ground, suffered little harm and served as places of refuge for many persons

displaced by the disaster. In addition to the harm wrought in Paris itself, the suburbs of the city suffered greatly, and thousands of refugees crowded the city in search of relief. Charenton alone sent to Paris more than 30,000 destitute persons.

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### FALLIERES GETS DUCKING

French President Falls into River on Inspection Trip.

Paris, Jan. 31.—President Fallieres visited the flooded quarters of the city, making use of all sorts of means of transportation.

Near the Pont Alexandre he embarked in a motorboat. The president lost his balance and fell into the water from which he was promptly rescued. He returned to the palace, changed his clothing and then resumed his tour of inspection. He was everywhere received with enthusiasm.

It is the custom of merchants to give prizes for the best products of the farm, these prizes frequently being very handsome ones. This brings back to the merchant an improved class of goods that are brought to his store, and puts in the market a more choice line of goods than otherwise would be at hand. The street fair has always caused a greater degree of pride among the farmers and venders to produce better butter, eggs, milk and vegetables. The men interested in the regular farmers' institutes have already taken up the matter with the farmers and the idea is gaining ground very favorably. The fair would be likely held shortly before the regular one at Youngwood so that exhibitors would have an opportunity of entering the same exhibits at Youngwood. The matter will be taken up in definite shape within a short time. One of the things that cause interest in it is the fact that so far the institutes have been held during about the coldest winter weather and it is desired to have a farmers' gathering long during the pleasant weather of autumn when most of the farmers are looking for a little spell of relaxation after the summer work.

Civil Service Exam.

Miss Katherine Boller, Secretary, and Orlando Love, of the local Civil Service Commission, held an examination in Westernland county, in the Scottsboro High school rooms on Saturday. There were two applicants from here and about a dozen from Mt. Pleasant, Buffalo and other localities. One of the vacancies to be filled was that caused by the death of J. P. Love, of Altoona.

Chicken and Waffle Supper.

The Christian Church congregation held a chicken and waffle supper that was well attended in the Red room on Broadway on Saturday evening. A very tasty supper was served and a large crowd was present, as this is the first supper of the kind since the holidays.

Evangelistic Services On.

At the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. R. B. Mansell, D. D., pastor, a series of winter evangelistic services were commenced last evening. There was a large congregation present and much interest displayed. The church extends a cordial invitation to all to attend these meetings.

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ROYALTY MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COUNTRY'S CRIPPLED STATE.

Paris, Jan. 31.—Among many Parisians there is anxiety as to future events, although no further inundation is feared. It will probably be the best part of a year before the roads and buildings are put in their previous condition, which means that the government has a heavy task before it and France easily becomes dissatisfied with its government.

Should there be delay in the reconstruction of the city, and this is almost inevitable, there will be discontent everywhere, which may, perhaps, ferment. Then it is feared that the sword of Damocles, which France is on the alert for, viz. the Orleanists, may seize opportunity to stir strife and revolution. Although this anxiety may seem absurd to anyone not understanding the intricacies of French politics, it is far from unreasonable. It is well known that certain Orleanists are always on the watch for the moment when their scheme to reinstate the monarchy can be furthered, and within the next few months may be a favorable time.

It is pointed out that, although the miners who suffered through the Courrières disaster received the greatest help they went on strike soon after, which strike, it is said, was due to royalist influence. It is suggested that the Parisian populace is equally inflammable, and, with trade at a standstill, trouble in the greatest confusion, communication impeded and perhaps an epidemic raging they will be in a state of mind to listen to insidious suggestions from the Orleanists.

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## A STREET FAIR BEING PLANNED.

Farmers and Merchants At Scottsboro Are Interested In One

TO BE HELD IN THE AUTUMN

Will Not Be of the Carnival Type, But a Genuine Street Fair, With Exhibits of Farm and Merchant Products, Other Mill Town Notes.

SCOTTSBORO, Jan. 31.—The farmers' institutes and the proposition to hold a poultry and pet show here have been so favorably commented upon and such enthusiasm shown in them, that the ones interested in the institutes now consider the feasibility of holding a street fair here next fall, and are making the plans for it.

The fair will be conducted along the line of the fair that were started in Alliance, Ohio, many years ago, under the name of "street fair," a fair held on the streets and in tents close by. The street carnival is an offshoot of this fair, came much later, and is not in the same class by any means. There is not an intention of the Scottsboro people to have any street carnival, but a fair along the lines of the Westernland County Fair at Youngwood, which is such a successful and greatly attended show every autumn.

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which will be continued for some time to come.

New Doctor Coming.

There is to be a new doctor in town, according to report, Samuel B. Gray, intending to locate here within a few weeks. Dr. Gray is a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, and is a town man, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gray, who lived here for several years, and not long ago moved to Greensburg. He is a graduate of the Scottsboro High school and has many friends in town and about here.

Mr. and Mrs. Graft III.

Former Rural Carrier George L. Graft, who resigned the place this fall after several years' good work delivering the mail to the country people about Scottsboro, had arranged to go out again on Saturday to cover the route while the Civil Service examination was being held in Scottsboro. Allen Porter wishing to take the examination and this making it impossible for him to get out on the route, a voters' club and the illness of his wife prevented Mr. Graft getting out, but part of the mail went from the office many of the country people calling at the office in the afternoon for their mail.

Report Was Untrue.

A widely circulated report on Saturday that Mrs. Lawrence Taylor of our town was dead, was without foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor's infant died but the mother was said to be slowly improving Saturday night.

At the McKinley Banquet.

Hon. John R. Byrne of Evanson was in Pittsburgh on Saturday attending the McKinley Day banquet, a gathering at which the most prominent Republicans of the State were assembled. Truxton King and Graustark.

The reader familiar with those very fine heroes of George Barr McCutcheon's thrilling pen will be glad to know that The Courier will begin the publication on Wednesday of "Truxton King," which is McCutcheon's latest and best story. Those who have read "Gunsight" and his other stories will say that this one is the best yet. If you never have enjoyed any of McCutcheon's stories just try this latest installment of "Truxton King" Wednesday and see what you think of it.

## SCIATIC RHEUMATISM.

Rheuma Will Drive It Out or A. A. Clarke Gives Your Money Back.

Most people in Connellsville know that Rheuma cures Rheumatism, but they don't know that it acts strongly on the kidneys and comes out in kidney trouble. If your kidneys bother you, get a bottle at once.

James R. Plenge, Willink, N. Y. says: "I had been troubled with sciatic rheumatism for four years in my right hip and leg, and have used many remedies for the same. Also had kidney trouble. Nothing gave me much relief. A friend persuaded me to try Rheuma, and for two months took it as directed. I consider Rheuma the best Rheumatic remedy extant, and for kidney troubles can not be excelled."

The grayish money-back offer of A. A. Clarke, North Alley and North Pittsburgh street, Connellsville, has created a lively sale of Rheuma, and a full-blown petulant who knows Rheumatic agony should have a moment. A few days' use will prove its remarkable merit. Get a bottle of Rheuma before the offer is withdrawn. After the poisonous uric acid has left your system and you are painless and happy, tell all your friends. Use a bottle. Mail orders filled by Rheuma Co., 1001 West Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Notice.

There will be a special meeting of Youth Tent No. 159, K. O. T. M., on Monday evening at 8 o'clock in E. O. P. hall, for the purpose of initiating a class of candidates. S. A. Coughenour, R. K.

Our new serial story, "Truxton King," will commence in Wednesday's issue. Don't fail to read it.

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### GREEN ROOM CHAT.

"The Time, the Place and the Girl." Chicago's most successful musical play "The Time, the Place and the Girl" will be the offering at the Soloson theatre on Friday, Feb. 1. The production given here will be exactly the same as given 460 times in Chicago.

The cast is a large one and is headed by that unique comedian George E. H. who in the character of Happy Johnny Hicks, the gambler, is said to have the best part he has ever portrayed. The chorus is said to be pretty and vivacious and good singers as well as dancers. "The Time, the Place and the Girl" is undoubtedly one of the greatest successes of the season.

"The Servant in the House."

Harper's Magazine said during the first week that "The Servant in the House" was holding New York theatregoers in its thrall. Occasionally the accused and often culpable praise has a chance to show that it rather enjoys looking into its own soul and is still able to appreciate an idea. To be able to entertain the public with ideas is no slight accomplishment, but to cause it to entertain ideas is in the nature of a triumph. "The Servant in the House," a drama by Charles F. Kennedy, has had this effect upon New York. Happening upon Broadway in a doubtful time, it took a first step upon the stage and was a play, found foothold, took an anchor and was a book; and at this moment stands quietly on the pedestal of New York success, a live thing, eloquent, sunny, and mysterious, having something to say to the man on the street. Of a sudden "The Servant in the House" has become the thing to see and to read. This "sunny, merry"



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## HUNDREDS WERE HELD IN PEONAGE.

Slavery Is Alleged to Exist  
on Several Texas  
Plantations.

### TERRIBLE TALES OF BRUTALITY

White and Blacks Beaten Into In-  
sensitivity and Discharged When  
Physical Weakness Made Them of  
No More Use.

Anatin Tex, Jan 31—Stories of  
cruelty and outrages are told by  
victims of the peonage system that  
is alleged to exist upon the Koppo  
plantation in Burleson county and  
upon other plantations, who are here  
to give their testimony before the  
federal grand jury.

Two more arrests on a charge of  
conspiracy to hold certain persons in  
peonage have been made upon indict-  
ments of the federal grand jury, the  
accused being Robert S. Newton,  
superintendent and manager of the  
Koppo plantation and W. B. Houston,  
a constable of that precinct.

Four special agents of the govern-  
ment have been investigating the  
peonage system in Texas for some  
weeks. The first information the gov-  
ernment received of the practice was  
obtained from Joe Folger of St.  
Joseph Mo. He is a young man of  
good family who while on his way  
to Brownsville ran out of funds. He  
left the train at San Antonio, Burleson  
county to telegraph home for money,  
when he was arrested upon a trumped  
up charge by a local officer.

Folger Starts Investigation.  
Folger was sent to the Koppo plan-  
tation not being permitted to commu-  
nicate with friends or relatives. He was  
kept on the farm for six months and  
worked until physical weakness  
caused him to be discharged. He re-  
ported the matter to the United  
States authorities and an investiga-  
tion was inaugurated.

It was discovered that many ne-  
groes and whites were held in peonage  
upon the plantation, that they were  
beaten into insensibility by a bat and  
six foot straps, that negroes and  
whites including men and women,  
were housed together, that failure to  
do the appointed task each day caused  
flogging, that two men had their eyes  
gouged out and that several died from  
injuries inflicted by guards.

According to statements of the  
federal special agents from 1500 to  
2000 men have been held in peonage  
during the past year in Burleson and  
other counties of the state. Negroes  
and whites were arrested without  
cause and pressed into peonage.

Forty witnesses are here to testify  
it is reported that a large number  
of arrests will be made.

### CAPT. SHIPP BACK HOME

Great Turnout Welcomes Tennessee  
Man After Prison Sentence.

Chattanooga Tenn, Jan 31—With  
hundreds of cheering citizens of this  
city last night gave to Captain  
Joseph E. Shipp a remarkable recep-  
tion. It was the homecoming of Cap-  
tain Shipp who has just completed  
three months sentence in prison in  
Washington for contempt of the su-  
preme court of the United States in  
connection with the lynching of the  
negro Ed Johnson who was hanged by  
a mob in this city March 19, 1906.

As the train pulled into the terminal  
station bands began the tune of  
"Dixie." The crowd went wild with  
enthusiasm and the music was  
drawn by the shouts and cheers of  
the throng.

Alighting from the train, Captain  
Shipp was greeted by his wife. He  
made his way through the crowd his  
white head bowed, bowing first to one  
side, then to the other and entered a  
carriage.

As Captain Shipp and his party ap-  
proached the gate of his home the  
band played "Home Sweet Home" and  
the cheering crowd almost in-  
stantly broke into tears.

### DECIDE TO STARVE

Bulgarian Immigrants Felled in At-  
tempt to Cut Their Throats.

Galveston Tex, Jan 31—Twenty  
two Bulgarians, recently disarmed  
after threatening to cut their throats  
rather than be sent back to their  
native country have taken a vow to  
starve to death. For three days they  
have refused to eat.

Twenty four Bulgarians arrived at  
this port on the North German Lloyd  
steamship Koeln on Dec. 19 and were  
refused admission upon the ground  
that they were likely to become pub-  
lic charges. Since then two of them  
have been placed in the immigration  
department but the balance of inquiry was sustained in  
their favor.

### Cold Wave Coming

Washington, Jan 31—In a special  
bulletin Professor Willis L. Moore  
chief of the United States weather  
bureau predicts that a cold wave with  
the Atlantic coast the early part  
of this week.

Farmer Puts Bullet into His Head  
Franklin Pa, Jan 31—Frederick  
Henderson a farmer aged forty years  
committed suicide by shooting him-  
self in the head.

## TWO OFFICIALS AFTER THE BEEF TRUST; CATTLE ON BIG WESTERN RANGE.

Whether the rise in recent years in  
the prices of meat has been due to  
scarcity of cattle on the ranges and  
the increase in the cost of feeding, as  
alleged by the heads of the beef trust,  
or has been grounded in monopoly  
and the enforced shortage on the  
market by accumulations in cold stor-  
age warehouses, is believed by many  
persons to be the problem for which a

solution is sought by public officials  
in all parts of the country. Prominent  
among the men who are conducting  
investigations into the cost of living  
are Attorney General Ulysses S. Den-  
man of Ohio and Attorney General  
Lillott W. Major of Missouri. In a  
message to the Ohio Legislature Gov-  
ernor Hammon charged the middlemen  
with raising the prices of necessities

and urged a searching investigation  
by the State officials. Attorney Gen-  
eral Major recently filed application  
with the Supreme Court of the State  
for the appointment of an examiner to  
take testimony in proceedings to as-  
certain whether there is a trust or  
combination of meat packers in Mis-  
souri to control the prices of meat.



### STIFF SENTENCES.

Eleven Sicilians Found Guilty at  
Toledo, O.

Toledo, O, Jan 31—Following their  
conviction and sentence in federal  
court ten members of a Sicilian Black  
Hand organization were hanged to the  
federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan.,  
to serve sentences ranging from two  
to sixteen years. One other  
Antonio Vicerio aged twenty, the  
youngest member of the band was  
taken to the reformatory at Elmira, N. Y.

Three other defendants were con-  
victed, but granted new trials. Two  
indicted members of the band are in  
hiding in Italy.

The defendants tried on the charge  
of conspiracy to use the mails to ex-  
port money from Italian living in  
Ohio and Indiana, were members of  
the "Society of the Bannan and Faith-  
ful Friends," the headquarters of  
which are in Marion, O.

This is the first conviction of an or-  
ganized band of Black Hands. The  
government officials believe they have  
effectively broken up Black Hand  
operations in the middle west and  
have taken a long step toward putting  
a quietus to Mafia methods through-  
out the United States.

### WOMAN ON GAS STOVE.

Her Head Placed on Burner and She  
Burns to Death.

Cincinnati, Jan 31—Bound and  
gagged the body of Mrs. Alice Van  
Zandt burned to a crisp was found  
lying on the gas stove in her kitchen.  
The woman met her death while her  
three young children were playing  
unconscious of the tragedy, in an ad-  
joining room.

Mrs. Van Zandt, the murdered  
woman's husband, is being held as a  
witness by the police. The man ad-  
mits he quarreled with his wife  
previous to the murder.

Mrs. Van Zandt was first choked  
into unconsciousness, then bound and  
gagged with strips torn from a lace  
curtain and placed across the stove  
with her head in the flames of the  
burner. The horror of the crime is  
increased by the coroner's statement  
that the woman must have recovered  
consciousness before death. When  
found all the clothes had been burned  
off the body and the flesh was charred  
to cinders.

### SWIFT JUSTICE FOR MACKLEY

Toledo Murderer Sentenced to Death

One Month After Tagged

Toledo, O, Jan 31—Thirty-three  
days after the tragedy Joseph J. Mack-  
ley a switchman, was convicted of  
the murder of Caroline Hunt, aged  
eighteen. The penalty is death.

The girl rejected Mackley's atten-  
tions because he was married. He  
slept her and her parents at their  
home and pursued her brother for  
several blocks the evening of Dec. 27.  
The mother died later. Mackley  
pleaded his mind was blank on the  
day of the shooting.

### FIND MRS. GUINNESS.

Minnesota Authorities Keep Close  
Watch on Suspected Woman

Willmar, Minn., Jan 31—Mrs. Belle  
Guinness who lured many men to their  
death at the notorious Guinness farm  
near LaPorte, Ind., has, after three  
years' disappearance, it is believed,  
been found as a housekeeper for Gus  
Kirby, a farmer fourteen miles north  
east of Willmar.

This information comes from  
Samuel Kirby of Mankato, Minn., a  
wealthy farmer and brother of Gus  
Kirby.

Gus' movements during the past  
few months have been toward putting  
in cash all his property in view to a  
"trip to California." This action is  
closely in line with Mrs. Guinness  
reputed policy in securing worldly  
wealth of her victims. The alleged  
physical similarity between his brother  
er's housekeeper and the missing La-  
Porte fugitive have convinced Samuel  
Kirby that the women are identical.

Chief of Police Clinton Cochran of  
LaPorte, Ind., left last night armed  
with a warrant for Mrs. Guinness' ar-  
rest. He is expected in Willmar to-  
day. Meanwhile, the suspected wo-  
man is under the closest surveillance.



JOTHAM P. ALLDS.

New York State Senator Charged

With Receiving \$1,000 Bribe

Senate and Republican leader of that  
branch of the legislature, received a  
bribe of \$1,000 while a member of the  
assembly on April 23, 1901, for not  
pressing to passage certain legisla-  
tion is the charge made public by  
Senator Benn Conger, also a Republi-  
can.

Senator Conger declares Senator  
Allds received and accepted \$1,000 in  
Senator Conger's presence in the  
capitol building. Senator Conger has  
told his friends that he saw a man  
pay Senator Allds this \$1,000 and that  
the man is living. Conger swears that  
he knows this charge to be true of his  
own knowledge.

### CASE MYSTIFIES DOCTORS

Man Has Slept 18 Days in Toledo

Hotel, Supposed Gas Victim.

Toledo, O, Jan 31—Physicians and  
detectives are mystified over the  
peculiar condition in which J. P.  
Smithwick, a wealthy cotton merchant  
of South Creek, N. C., has remained  
for two weeks at the Star hotel here.

During his strange sleep, which he  
gan sixteen days ago, Smithwick has  
not spoken more than a dozen words  
and at all times seems to be un-  
conscious. Nurses have been in con-  
stant attendance working under the  
direction of physicians who have been  
called in to see the patient. Smithwick  
was found unconscious in his room  
and was supposed to have been the  
victim of gas.

## TRAIN TWICE BRINGS DEATH.

Accidents Occur Quickly  
Only a Few Miles  
Apart.

### THREE PERSONS ARE KILLED

At Mansfield, O., Pennsylvania Train  
Kills Woman, Fatally Injuring Hus-  
band—Proceeding Further It Hits  
Automobile at Crossing.

Mansfield, O., Jan 31—Pennsyl-  
vania train No. 8, westbound, struck  
and killed Mrs. Roy Covert and fatally  
injured her husband at a crossing  
near Loudonville.

Proceeding further the train struck  
an automobile on the outskirts of  
Crestline, a few miles away, and killed  
J. H. Sigler, aged sixty, and Charles  
Lecheltberger, both of Hayesville.

In the automobile with Lecheltberger  
and Sigler was Curtis Doerfer of  
Mansfield. Doerfer's shoulder was  
crushed, his leg was broken and he  
received internal injuries.

The young woman, who was the first  
to meet death on the track, was on  
her way, with Covert, her husband,  
to visit a neighbor. Her death was  
instant. Covert was picked up many  
yards away and does not know of his  
wife's death.

The automobile party, struck at  
Lans crossing, came upon the tracks  
in their machine from the rear of an  
eastbound freight directly in front  
of the express. In an instant their  
machine was lifted high in the air.  
When it fell Sigler and Lecheltberger  
were dead. Their bodies were brought  
to Mansfield.

Doerfer, the injured man, was taken  
to a Crestline hospital.

### TO UNSEAL CHERRY MINE

Exhumation of Bodies Will Begin

This Week.

Cherry, Ill, Jan 31—The little coal  
mining town of Cherry is steeling  
itself to undergo the ordeal of ex-  
humation that is expected this week,  
following the promised unsealing of  
the St. Paul mine in which the bodies  
of more than 200 coal miners have  
been entombed since Nov. 13, when  
fire caused the death of some 150 men.

As it is not certain that the fire in  
the mine is extinguished nothing  
definite toward the recovery of the  
bodies will be planned until experts,  
protected with oxygen helmets, have  
explored the shaft. If conditions are  
propitious the fan will be started to  
suck in fresh air. Also any smolder-  
ing fire will have to be extinguished  
and 2,000,000 gallons of water pumped  
from the third level. It is thought  
that about forty bodies are floating  
on this water in the bottom of the  
mine and nearly 200 other corpses, it  
is estimated, are huddled in the sec-  
ond level.

### NEW PERIL FOR STANDARD

Damage Suits For More Than Quarter

Billion Coming.

Minneapolis, Jan. 31—Frank B.  
Kellogg, who fought the Standard Oil  
company for the government and won  
the decision of the United States cir-  
cuit court, declaring it a combination  
in restraint of trade and ordering its  
dissolution, is being considered by the  
executive committee of the Indepen-  
dent Petroleum Marketers' association  
as their chief counsel when they as-  
sault the trust in the courts in suits  
for damages.

Aside from judgments for \$281,000,  
000, which will be sought by western  
producers the Marketers' association  
reported through its president, Thomas  
L. Hilsen, that it has seventy-five  
cases of jobbers who also probably  
will bring suits against the trust  
based on charges of losses sustained  
through illegal competition.

### INSURED FOR A MILLION

J. J. Jones of Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal

Company Has Big Policy.

New York, Jan 31—John J. Jones  
of Pittsburgh, head of the Pittsburgh  
Buffalo company, has been insured in  
the Equitable for \$1,000,000 payable  
to the Pittsburgh-Buffalo company.

The Pittsburgh-Buffalo company has  
insured the lives of all its officers and  
is now paying to the Equitable more  
than \$50,000 a year in premiums. Its  
vice president, Thomas P. Jones, and  
its secretary and general manager,  
David G. Jones, are each insured for  
\$100,000, while Edward F. Miller, as-  
sistant to President Jones and pur-  
chasing agent, is insured for \$50,000.

### VAN NORDENS GET OUT

Carnegie Trust Company Takes Charge

of Their Institution.

New York, Jan 31—The three Van  
Nordens are out of the Van Norden  
Trust company and their places as of-  
ficers and members of the directorate  
have been taken by Carnegie Trust  
company directors. The president of  
the Van Norden Trust company was  
Warner M. Van Norden, who was  
robbed of \$28,000 by two women a few  
days ago.

It was said that the price which  
the Van Nordens received for their  
stock was \$325.

### Six Hurt in Wreck.

Ashtabula, O., Jan 31—In a rear-  
end collision between two Lake Shore  
trains here six persons were severely  
injured and many more endangered.



## The First Month of The New Year Gone

Have you anything to show for it?  
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orer, or professional man, you should have an account with a bank—  
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ery transaction. Our interest in the welfare of  
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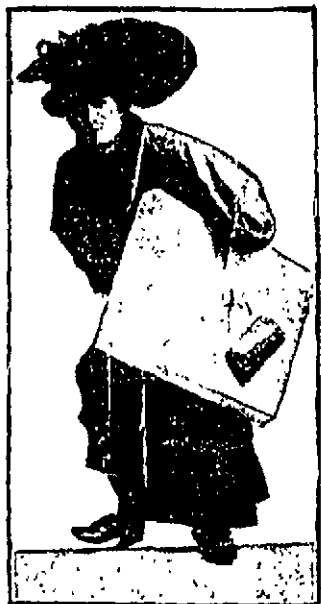
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Rose Stahl, Creator of the Title Role of "The Chorus Lady."

# LADY

Novelized From Forbes' Play of the Same Name by JOHN W. HARDING

The words whirled in her head. Had Dan really delivered himself of such an infamous utterance to her, his affianced wife, who had borne so much for him? There was no evading the hideous reality of it. He had said it and spurned her ruthlessly. This was the trust of a man! This was the end of her dream of bliss! It was all over, over with everything. She could not explain to her mother, and the latter would tell her father, and he, too, would tell her, for he was in the world. She had lost it. Distracted by her despair and misery, she ran rather than walked—ran straight before her, and people turned at a glance after her curiously. On she hurried until she brought up exhausted at a line of cars that blocked her way. Scarcely conscious of what she was doing, heedless of where it went, she boarded the car that had stopped in front of her. She wanted only to sit down. There were few people in the car, and she did not look upon them with seeing eyes. The courage, the knowledge of the world, the qualities of pluck and clear judgment that had enabled her to hold her own in all circumstances had deserted her utterly for the time being in her wretchedness. Her nerve was gone. The blow was too much even for such a brave little woman to bear up under. "South ferry? All out!" shouted the conductor.

Mechanically she descended from the car and walked slowly over to that tory park. The solitude of the place at that hour appealed to her. She wanted to get away from the noise, the lights, the people. But from the lights she could not escape. They were everywhere. They piled in mountains all about her. They cast long golden gleams from the peaking ferris wheels. Their gayety seemed to mock her. She walked toward the water front, and a policeman, twisting his light stick, advanced upon her out of the shadow. "Hi!" he shouted gruffly. "Where are you going? What do you want?" His rude tones startled her and recalled her to herself.

"I'm going to the subway," she answered at a venture. "Well, that isn't the way to the subway you want, an' you know it," he replied. "Get out of it, an' if I find you around here again tonight I'll run you in, see?" Greatly frightened, she retraced her steps, walking hurriedly. As she neared the car tracks a man who had followed her at a distance from the time she had left the car neared her.

"Excuse me, Miss Patsy," he said, raising his hat. "Are you ill? As anything happens? Can I help you?" Surprised, she looked at him, but failed to recognize him. "How'd you know my name? I don't know you," she answered. "Hi! William Perkins—you know, the Duke they used to call me at Maple Grove."

And the Duke he was, but it was small wonder that Patsy failed to recognize him. The generally dirty and somewhat stable boy was suddenly transformed. He was as sleek and as good as a new pin. A smart tan overcoat opened upon a suit of a loud check and distinctly English cut. A handkerchief and gloves to match the topcoat gave an added air of distinction to him, and also did his black patent leather shoes, straight collar and soft red tie suit with a real diamond brooch on the pin.

"At ease in a Broadway cab, just now," he went on, "and recognized you, but you seemed in such trouble as to refuse to let me know that I didn't like to speak to you, but when I see you go across Battery place at this time of night an' lookin' so ill I was afraid something was the matter an' took the liberty of followin' you. I hope you don't mind. If there's anything I can do—"

been summoned from there by a telegram from his mother to go to England and that he had arrived in New York on his return from that country, that very day.

"I want to the Long Acre theater this evening," but I didn't see Miss Nora or you," he said.

"No," she replied; "we wasn't there."

"He saw from the absent look in her eyes that she was not listening to half of what he said.

"Perhaps you'd like to go home now," he suggested.

"Home?" she echoed wearily. "Oh, yes. What time is it? Gee, it's after 12 o'clock!"

Requesting her to remain where she was for a moment and to excuse him, the Duke went out and in a few minutes returned with a cab.

"You're awful good," she said as he helped her in. "I don't know how to thank you."

"You can best do that by forgettin' it," he answered. "Good night, Miss Patsy."

He added as the vehicle started in response to his signal:

"Don't p'sy the kiddy; 'e's 'ad 'a fare."

One thing was sure, she would have nothing more to do with Dan after the way he had treated her. Another thing also was sure, she would not be able to return to the Long Acre theater after having left the stage in a manner in the lurch as she had done. This did not trouble her much. She did not want to return there. She and Nora would go away somewhere, procure an engagement with a company on tour that would take them far from everybody and from New York. Some day they would find out, perhaps, how unjust they had been to her, and Dan would be sorry, but she would never forgive him.

At the thought that all was over between them, of the failure of her hopes that had sustained her through all the years of her trials and struggles, she began to weep.

"Oh, Dan, Dan!" she sobbed. "How could you? Oh, how could you?"

"The cab came to a stop in front of the house. She ascended the stairs slowly and at the door of her flat hesitated, still trembling to go in, but feeling that she must.

"Help me, God!" she prayed. "I ain't done nothin' wrong, an' I don't deserve this. I couldn't give my little sister away!"

As quietly as possible she opened the door and entered.

CHAPTER XV.

THE gas was turned down in the parlor when Patsy entered. Quiet as she had been, Nora looked at her and the key in her hand and advanced to meet her in a wrapper and with a handkerchief tied around her forehead.

"Are they here?" asked Patsy.

"Yes; don't talk loud," whispered Nora. "Nora's asleep. Dan's gone out to hunt for pop."

"Did you hear 'em here?"

"Yes."

"Gee, that was luck!" said Patsy, turning up the gas. "I was scared green. What'd you tell 'em?"

"What you said—that I took sick before the show and had to come home."

"Did you say anything about me?"

"Asked me if I knew where you were. I said I left you at the theater."

"That's good," sighed Patsy, removing her hat and coat.

"Where have you been since you left me in the cab?" questioned Nora.

"Oh, I've been ridin' around on cars, tryin' to get up nerve enough to face pop. I'd give my eyeteeth to 'a kept this from him. It's too late now. Mom 'll tell him everything."

"Yes," assented Nora. "That's what's been worryin' me. What did you run to hide from mom for? Why didn't you stick it out in some way? You could have told her a story of some kind, and it would have been all right. You weren't like me. You had your hat and coat and street clothes on."

"I'm rattled," she confessed.

"Yes, and you've got us into a pretty mess, haven't you?" grumbled Nora. "You brought it all on yourself. You had no business followin' me. I won't be followed."

"D'you s'pose I thought I run any risk with Dan?" demanded her sister. "S'pose I thought for a minute he wouldn't trust me, wouldn't believe I was true an' good, no matter how appearance was against me?"

"Don't you think he'll make up?"

"I don't know, an' I don't care. Serves me right. If I'd kept my promise to mom to watch over you 'stead of bein' so took up with my own happiness that I let you run around with that Simpson woman it all needn't 'a happened. I'm to blame, an' I got to pay for it all, that's all."

"What it serves you right for is treatin' me like a kid," commented Nora. "I don't want to be watched over, and, what's more, I won't be. I'm a woman, like you, earnin' my livin' like you. Don't worry on my account. I can take care of myself. There's no call for you to do it."

"That's where you're wrong," rejoined Patsy in unoffended tone. "You ain't got no head. You couldn't take care of yourself if you was alone in a ten acre field, not to talk of a city full of sharks like New York. But nobody's goin' to put you in the soup if I can help it."

"All right. You're got all the head. Let it go at that. How are we going to get the money for the note? That's what I'd like to know."

"We'll have to save it out of what we earn. There's no other way."

"Couldn't you get it from Dan?"

Patsy looked at her for a few moments before she replied, but there was neither anger nor reproach in her gaze; only sorrow and weariness.

"Ask Dan Mallory for money?" she said brokenly. "Ain't there any fault to what you want me to do for you? Ask him for money! I'd scrub floors first."

She seated herself on the sofa and bent forward, covering her eyes with her hands.

"I'm dead to the world," she murmured. "Make me a cup of coffee, will you?"

Nora went out to comply with the request. At the door she glanced around and saw that her sister was crying.

She had scarcely turned her back when there came a ring at the bell. Patsy sprang up and quickly wiped her tears away. The ring brought Mrs. O'Brien from an inner room.

"So you've come home, have you?" she said, going to open the door.

Patsy remained silent.

The person at the door was Mallory. He entered and glanced at Patsy, but offered no word of greeting.

"Where's Patrick?" queried Mrs. O'Brien.

"I dunno," answered Mallory, throwing his hat on a chair. "He'd left the hotel, an' I hunted for him everywhere, but I couldn't find him an' gave it up. I left word at the hotel for him to come on to the flat if he turned up again, as no doubt he will. I got tired of waitin', an', besides, I thought he might 'a come here by this time."

"Haven't you two seen pop yet?" ventured Patsy timidly.

"No," growled Mallory, without looking at her.

A ray of hope shone in the girl's eyes.

"Then I want"—she began hesitatingly.

"Want what?" snapped her mother. Patsy advanced toward them eagerly.

"I want you both to promise me that you won't say nothin' to him of what you seen tonight. He'd only make a mess with Crawford. No good 'd come of that."

"I dunno, O'Brin promise nothin' an' the kind!" retorted her mother decisively.

"D'you think O'm givin' to have ye an' that man to give currys' no? Not if O' know it. Ye father will deal with him an' with ye too."

"You keep quiet an' I'll promise never to say a word to him of what you seen tonight."

"Ye honor!" laughed her mother harshly. "Ye honor!"

"Don't you see I'm doing this for pop's sake?" urged Patsy. "There ain't no need for him to know—no know—"

"The kind of a girl ye are," broke in her mother angrily. "D'ye think O'd deceive him as ye've been deceivin' us?"

"No, there ain't no need for him to know the sort of girl I am," repeated Patsy, writhing under the cruel, unmerciful interrogation. "You'll promise, mom? It's the last thing I'll ever ask you. Say you will for his sake—for the sake of me that was dear to you once."

She appealed to Mallory in turn: "Won't you promise?"

Mallory turned to Mrs. O'Brien. "It won't do no good to tell him," he said. "It's no use breakin' his heart like she's broke mine—an' yours."

"Gin ye promise never to see Crawford ag'in?" demanded her mother.

"I promise, mom. An' you can believe me," she said earnestly.

"All right, then, I won't tell if Dan says it best," the old woman agreed.

"What he are you goin' to frame up for your father?" asked Mallory.

"I'll tell him it's all off between you an' me, an' that's no lie," Patsy answered.

Mrs. O'Brien looked dubious.

"Ye'll have to think of somethin' better'n a quarrel to convince ye father," she said. "He'll want some good reason for me takin' Nora home with me."

"You're goin' to take Nora away from me?" questioned Patsy, with wide, frightened eyes.

"I want d'ye think?" stared up her mother. "D'ye s'pose I'd leave me baby with ye? It's high time she was out an' this."

"Then I ain't goin' to have no one! You don't think I'm fit to have my honey lamb around! You think I'd make my sister bad! Oh, my God! Oh, my God!"

Patsy burst into a passion of tears and fled from the room.

Mrs. O'Brien gazed after her, visibly perplexed. Dan was rubbing his chin vigorously and shifting uneasily from one foot to another.

"O' almost misdoubt me own sinces," said the mother. "It's hard to believe her bad. Oh, what's to become of her?"

"You'd better take her home with you for the present," Dan advised. "You can't leave her here alone to be tempted by that—that man. No one knows but you an' me."

"But what if O'Brien's gone to Crawford's?"

"I shouldn't wonder if he had," he admitted. "I don't think, though, Crawford'll tell him much. You heard him say he didn't want no row on his hands. Anyhow, you'll take her, won't you? Who'll stand by her if you don't? She can't be anythin' more to me, but I'd be sorry if she went from Dad to worse."

Mrs. O'Brien reflected.

"No, right, Danny, that's more," she said. "It's me duty to take her home an' save her from becomin' worse. But O' misdoubt if she'll listen to me. Help me to persuade her. O've no one to lean on but you, b'oy. Ye'll have a talk with her."

He answered in the affirmative.

"An' you won't let me face O'Brien alone, will ye? Help me to lie to him!"

"Don't worry. I'll fix it," he assured her.

"God love ye, Danny, b'oy," she said. "I'll have ye so that he can talk to her alone."

Mallory waited for Patsy to return to the room. He had no doubt that she would do so when her paroxysm of weeping had spent itself. Now that the fury inspired by the discovery of her supposed faithlessness and duplicity had calmed down the open wound of their separation was smarting, and the sight of her misery and despair had not tended to alleviate the pain. But at the mere recollection of Crawford and the life he imagined Patsy had been living his heart hardened against any softening influence of compassion.

Nonetheless, he told himself, he would have to live in nothing and no one. With what would remain to him from the ruins of his trading stable business he would make himself well and, keeping to himself, strive only for one thing—money, since money was the pass that opened all doors and procured the gratification of all desires. Honor, love, counted as naught in this world. Money counted for everything.

His bitter musing was interrupted by the advent of Nora in high indignation: "What's this about going home?" she demanded. "Patsy says mom's going to take me away."

"So she is. She thinks it best. So do I," he said.

"What for? I don't want to go home. I can't live down on that stupid old farm now, and I won't. I've had enough to bear without being dragged into the country where there's no fun nor anything. Why, they've promised me a part in the next show. Besides, I ain't going to run away and leave those girls gossiping about me. I'll get even with Sylvia Simpson for getting me into this mess, the jealous cat."

"Jealous? Of what?"

"Of everything—because I'm younger and prettier than she is—because I'm going to have the part she wanted. The idea, talking about me to people!"

"She said you were at Crawford's rooms tonight."

"I know; sent pop and mom chasing after me."

Mallory was astonished.

"How did you know that?" he demanded.

"Mom told me," she answered, quick as a flash, but not denying.

"She did? I'd hardly have thought she'd do that."

"Yes, and that ain't the worst of it," she went on, eager to seize the opportunity of being alone with him to brood what she had on her mind and do what her sister had refused to do. "Oh, Dan, we're in awful trouble!"

"That so? What is it?"

"We—or—we or—"

She stopped, not liking and hardly knowing how to go on.

CHAPTER XVI.

COME on. Out with it," Mallory said rather gruffly.

"What d'you want me to do?"

"I'll tell you, Dan, because I know you'll stand by us for mom's sake."

"Let's see what it is first."

"Well, we owe money, and—Patsy says we can save it out of what we earn. But how are we ever going to earn \$300?"

"Is that all your trouble?" he asked. He had wondered what further misfortune he was about to hear of. He took it for granted that the money had to do with the furnishing of the flat. "Have the bill sent to me. I'll pay it," he added.

"But that won't do," she objected. "I'll have to pay the note myself."

"Oh, it's a note?"

"Yes; we had to raise money somehow, and now the note's got to be paid at once. Patsy promised she'd get the \$300 from you, but she won't ask you now you've quarreled?"

"How'd you know we've quarreled?"

"She told me so."

"Why do you have to pay the note?"

"Why can't I pay it? I haven't the money about me, but I can send it."

"No; you'll have to give it to me. You see, I borrowed it myself—off one of the girls at the theater, and it would be better for me to give it back. I wouldn't like her to know."

"Oh, all right," he acquiesced. "I'll give the money to you. I'll get it tomorrow. Tell your sister I'd like to see her, will you?"

"No; don't. You'll spoil everything if you tell Patsy," said the girl apprehensively.

"I guess not," he assured her. "I want to see her about something else. That's a darned funny business," commented Dan when she had gone. "I wonder how much the old lady's told her? An' how did they come to borrow all that money from one of the girls at the theater on a short term note when they gave us to believe they'd bought the things on the installment plan an' paid for 'em? They couldn't 'a wanted it for anythin' else, an' I can see. They've been fillin' us up with more guff an' lies, I suppose."

Patsy entered the room.

"Well," she interrogated coldly. "Will you let me speak to you a minute, please?" he asked, awkward and ill at ease.

"What can we have to say to each other now?"

"Nothin' about tonight. Let that go as it lays. I'd like to ask a favor of you."

"By what right?"

"Oh, no right. I ain't got no rights any more. Forget me in this. It's for your mother."

"I guess you don't want nothin' from me—not love even."

"I wouldn't say that. She's been hard on you tonight; it's natural under the circumstances, but—"

"She thinks I gave her cause," broke in Patsy sadly.

"It looked at her askance."

"What do you think?" he demanded. "I ain't knowin'. I don't care."

"But I think there's nothin' you wouldn't do for her."

"That's right, though she doesn't seem wise to the fact."

"She wants you to come home with her."

"Home? What for? Oh, I see, she can't trust me—she don't believe I'd keep me promise. An' all I've ever done up all I've ever been to her don't count for nothin'."

"No; it ain't that," said Mallory, embarrassed under the steady gaze she fixed upon him.

"Then why doesn't she come to me an' say it herself? Why does she send you?"

"She thought you mightn't listen to her. She hoped I could persuade you, but that's a past, an' I see it's useless to dwell with you."

"I can't go. What'd you think I'd do down home an' have you an' mom overlookin' things—bein' sorry for me—kind to me! Not for mine, thank you."

"No; I promise you. All will be forgotten."

"An' forgive me. Wait till I ask it, will you?"

"Then give me a reason why you won't do what she asks that I can give her. I got to tell her something. Is it in it because you love Crawford?"

"Love him! Love him!"

The expression of loathing on her face and the tone of profound scorn in which the ejaculation was uttered made Mallory's heart leap within him.

"Then why?" he began.

"Look here! What right have you to stand there givin' me the third degree?" she demanded. "Can't go, an' I won't go, an' that settles it."

She turned from him, but he followed her.

"Is it the money?" he asked.

"The money?"

She turned and faced him with questioning eyes.

"Nora's told me. I'm goin' to pay the note."

"You're goin' to pay Crawford?"

"Crawford?"

He stood gazing at her open mouthed. Suddenly a look of understanding and of great joy came over his face.

"So it was Crawford! Now I see!" he exclaimed.

He ran to the door.

"Mrs. O'Brien, will you come here a minute?" he called.

"One question," he said when she appeared. "Have you told Nora what happened tonight? Did you tell her that you'd been to Crawford's?"

"No; O' did not," replied the old woman. "What'd O' tell the poor child anythin' about it now for an' she'd ask as it is? It ain't necessary she should be made worse by knowin' her sister's disgrace. O' will find out tomorrow what O' want to know from her."

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